

Introduced by Senator Ortiz

February 13, 2004

An act to add Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 11850) to Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to the state budget.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1270, as introduced, Ortiz. Budget Act appropriations: excess revenues: funding priorities.

Existing law provides for various public social services programs under which health care services, cash assistance, and other benefits are provided to qualified low-income families and individuals and qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons.

This bill would require the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Governor to jointly develop a plan that outlines by agency and strategy the allocation, as proposed by the bill, of any revenues deposited in the General Fund for any fiscal year that exceed the amount appropriated from the General Fund for that fiscal year, excluding any revenues the expenditure of which would be restricted by law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 11850)
- 2 is added to Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code,
- 3 to read:
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CHAPTER 10. PROSPECTIVE BUDGET ACT PRIORITIES

11850. (a) If the expected revenues to be deposited into the General Fund for any fiscal year exceed the amount appropriated for that fiscal year, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Governor shall jointly develop a plan that outlines the allocation of these revenues, as prescribed in subdivision (b), excluding any revenues the expenditure of which would be restricted by law.

(b) The plan of allocation developed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be itemized by fiscal year, agency, and strategy. The plan may provide proposed funding allocations as follows:

(1) A proportion of the amount of General Fund revenues to which this section applies shall be used for partial or full restoration of eligibility levels in the following programs if the program has received a decrease in funding directly relating to program eligibility or has been capped at a particular enrollment level in the immediately preceding Budget Act or other budget acts:

- (A) The Medi-Cal program.
- (B) The Healthy Families Program.
- (C) CalWORKs benefits.
- (D) Regional center services and supports.
- (E) AIDS drug assistance program (ADAP).
- (F) Mental health services for children and adults.
- (G) State hospitals.
- (H) Habilitation and rehabilitation programs administered by the State Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Rehabilitation.
- (I) Genetically Handicapped Persons Program.
- (J) California Children's Services-State-Only Program.
- (K) California Food Assistance Program.
- (L) Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants.
- (M) California Veterans Cash Benefit Program.
- (N) In-Home Supportive Services program, excluding services provided under the Medi-Cal program.
- (O) Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program (STEP).

(2) A proportion of the amount of General Fund revenues to which this section applies shall be used for partial or full restoration of benefits received by recipients, reimbursement rates, or both in one or more of the following programs if the

- 1 program has received a reduction in benefits or rates in the
2 immediately preceding Budget Act or other budget acts:
- 3 (A) The Medi-Cal program.
 - 4 (B) The Healthy Families Program.
 - 5 (C) CalWORKs benefits.
 - 6 (D) Regional center services and supports.
 - 7 (E) AIDS drug assistance program (ADAP).
 - 8 (F) State hospitals.
 - 9 (G) Habilitation and rehabilitation programs administered by
10 the State Department of Developmental Services and the
11 Department of Rehabilitation.
 - 12 (H) Genetically Handicapped Persons Program.
 - 13 (I) California Children's Services state-only program.
 - 14 (J) California Food Assistance Program.
 - 15 (K) Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants.
 - 16 (L) California Veterans Cash Benefit Program.
 - 17 (M) In-Home Supportive Services program, excluding
18 services provided under the Medi-Cal program.
 - 19 (N) Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program (STEP).
 - 20 (3) The General Fund revenues to which this section applies
21 shall also be used for partial or full restoration of the following
22 services or programs in descending order of priority:
 - 23 (A) Expanded Access to Primary Care program.
 - 24 (B) Childhood Health and Disability Prevention Program.
 - 25 (C) Services for pregnant women.
 - 26 (D) Services for the developmentally disabled.
 - 27 (E) Copays and premiums in the Medi-Cal program and
28 Healthy Families Program.
 - 29 (F) Community mental health programs.
 - 30 (G) At-risk prevention services.

